

**DOUGLAS, MARY STAHLMAN  
(1895-1979)  
PAPERS  
1930-1976**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Mary Stahlman Douglas papers (1934-1978) are centered around the career of Mary Stahlman Douglas, book editor for the Nashville Banner. The papers are a gift of Mary Byrd Douglas King, Cookeville, TN. The collection occupies .84 cubic feet of shelf space and number approximately 500 items.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Mary Stahlman Douglas Papers may be made for the purposes of scholarly research.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Mary Stahlman Douglas papers consist of business and personal correspondence related to her work as the Book Page Editor for the Nashville Banner from 1935 to 1972.

Mrs. Douglas had arranged the papers alphabetically into two groups. The first group is divided into book reviews, requests for reviews and related correspondence to her as the book editor of the Nashville Banner. The second group consists of personal correspondence related to books and book reviews. Since she had arranged the papers before they were donated to the Library and Archives, the original order has been preserved.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mary Stahlman Douglas (1895-1979) was a native of Nashville and a daughter of Edward C. and Mary Geddes Stahlman. She was a granddaughter of Major Edward Bushrod Stahlman, who acquired an interest in the *Nashville Banner* in 1886.

She attended the Tarbox Elementary School and the former Fogg High School, and received her bachelor's degree in 1916 from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, VA.

Her work career began at the *Nashville Banner* in 1916 as a reporter and drama critic until 1921, when she left the paper to become the Dean of the Yancey School of Journalism at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee.

In 1935, she returned to the newspaper and served as the Book Page Editor until her retirement in 1972. She was awarded the Constance Lindsay Skinner Award by the Women's National Book Association in 1978 for her contributions to the literary world.

She died of cervical cancer October 13, 1979 and is interred at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Box Number 1

#### BOOK EDITOR CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence--Beech, Ursula--Burnam, B.L.
2. Correspondence--Callahan, North--Cumberland College, Lebanon, TN.
3. Correspondence--Dews, Bobby--Grisham, Frank P.
4. Correspondence--re: Dromgoole, Will Allen.
5. Correspondence--Ingram, Bowan.
6. Correspondence--Jarrel, Mrs. Randal--Library, Metropolitan Nashville.
7. Correspondence--McDowel, David--McManus, Mary.
8. Correspondence--Madden, David--Moody, Ted Lewis.
9. Correspondence--Pannon, Barbara--Roosevelt, Theodore, Jr.
10. Correspondence--Saint Andrews School--Stokeley, James R.
11. Correspondence--Tichenor, Tom--Yellin, Carol Lynn.

### Box Number 2

#### PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence--Alderson, William--Anderson, Alexandra K.
2. Correspondence--Babcock, Fred--Byrd, Admiral Richard.
3. Correspondence--Campbell, Mary R.--Curry, Mrs. W.C.
4. Correspondence--Dailey, W.T.--Durster, Matilda.
5. Correspondence--Fandrich, Mrs. Tom--Frost, Edward.
6. Correspondence--Garvis, Roy L.--Grisby, J.S.
7. Correspondence--Hallum, Era--Hayes, Mildred.
8. Correspondence--Henry, Robert Selph--Hunt, Robert.
9. Correspondence--Jete, (?)--Jungkind, John.
10. Correspondence--Kane, Harriett T.--Kroll, Mrs. H.H.
11. Correspondence--Lacy, Dan--Lynn, Roberta Dillon.
12. Correspondence--McGhee, Mrs. Sidney--McVaught, Mrs. Herman.
13. Correspondence--Mabry, Mrs. R.V.--Morrel, Mrs. John.
14. Correspondence--Nelson, Dr. Boris--Owsley, Dr. Frank.
15. Correspondence--Palmer, Florence Glass--Price, David.
16. Correspondence--Ransom, Harry Howe--Rodgers, Mrs. Hillman P.
17. Correspondence--Scott, Mrs. Thomas--Swiggit, William.
18. Correspondence--Taylor, Kerr--Webb, Gene W.
19. Correspondence--Wade, David R.--Woods, Dee.